



ILKLEY HARRIERS

Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting held 12th September 2023

Attendees: Jonathan Turner, Kate Archer, Rob Budding, Neil Chapman, Hilda Coulsey, Vince Gibbons, Jeff Green, Nick Kealey, Andrew Overend, Paul Stephens, Jean Sullivan, Dawn Turner, Becky White

Minutes from last meeting of 4th July 2023 - agreed

Matters arising - none

Membership & Treasurers reports

No updates from Membership we have 455 members - but it's always misleadingly high at this time of year due to being near renewals time.

One point to note - LoveAdmin are increasing the percentage they take from 2.95% to 3.5%. On a payment of £34 this is a rise from £1 to £1.19.

Update from Secretary

Northern Athletics affiliation fees remain at £2 pp - same rate as last year.

England Athletics - there are proposals to amend the under age categories, PS wasn't sure whether there would be any implications or whether we should just wait and see what happens.

Discounts - Commute has changed hands so no longer applies, we also have two new discounts - a physio and a masseur.

The discount page may need updating - PS to look at this.

Physio Tom Troughton asked if he could come and give a talk at the club, the comm decided to say thanks but maybe next year.

Update from Treasurer

Prior to the meeting JG emailed the following for info:

Copy of the 2015 contract that was agreed with ILTSC. The tennis club appear to be unaware of this.

Chart from 2015 to present showing surplus/balance and notable expenditure.

Draft Treasurer's report.

Current balance £11,862.45

CASC - will progress after the constitution changes

Membership fees

After discussion it was decided to increase the 2023/24 membership fees to take into account the EA fees and the fact we are still at the "covid-reduced" rate. We discussed what our reserves should be / what is an acceptable amount to increase the fees by. Our reserves have decreased considerably over the last 3 years so it seems sensible to charge more.

NC stated that we should really be doing more as a club in terms of races/raising money/attracting volunteers.

VG said he had received a lot of positive feedback re the social events and that we should certainly continue to do them.

After a vote, it was decided by a majority vote to propose following increases at the AGM:

First claim from £30 to £34, joint from £52 to £60, Students / concessions etc from £16 to £17 and second claim to remain at £20 as this wasn't reduced around Covid-times.

Expenses Policy

PS added in the four examples of races we would consider paying exes for.

We should also approve the list of races for the year (at the start of the calendar year).

We can always add to the list if necessary.

We need to stress that races and relays in particular are for everybody and all abilities.

The list of races put forward by the Captains (that we would pay entry fees for) was accepted by the committee.

The next question was whether we would pay for a minibus or coach to take a team to the relays in Keswick in October. It was agreed it was a good idea re sustainability and team camaraderie.

Should we cap it at a certain amount?

PS is supportive but hopes that people would use it.

KA to liaise with Nick Helliwell to get quotes and take it from there. NC suggested Skipton Hire.

AGM Prep

Brief discussion on what we need to do and deadlines, various reports are required. We need to send the itinerary out a week before, highlighting the major changes (fee increases, constitution changes).

HC asked how are we going to flag the CASC changes on the constitution? Have we agreed this?

EA/UKA are companies limited by guarantee but PS said we don't need to go down this route as our risks are not great - ie no track or major races.

So for the AGM we need to flag up that we may need to tweak the constitution slightly if we go down the CASC route, we haven't made the decision yet but we are getting the changes in now, in case we do.

Club night start time proposed changes

Initial canvassing shows most people favour an earlier start, with 630 the favourite. But that might not suit everyone.

We need to ask all leaders and then get more feedback from members and see if it's feasible at the tennis club..

Races - feedback

The Incline was a great success and JT thanked Jean, Neil and the organisers with 100+ runners on the night. JS and the team have asked for feedback/constructive criticism from the marshals. Having a car at the finish point was useful. We might consider a cut-off time. Nick Helliwell is happy for Saltaire Brewery to sponsor the 2024 event again.

London Marathon

HC will advise when she gets our allocation (usually November). We expect to be allocated two places this year down from four in the last few years, it appears that LM have reduced club places across the board. This is and will be disappointing to members. HC will organise our internal ballot based as previous years on proof of entry and number of previous ballot failures.

Awards Evening Venue

NK made us aware of the results of the available options which are:

The tennis club - venue ok but food not so great.

The Wheatley - used pre-covid, quite small but there is an outside area which could be used. They can do a chilli/curry meal etc for £16 per head.

The Craiglands is £17.50 per head - much bigger venue, also the option of a formal dinner.

Olicana cricket club - £250 hire cost then your own food option costs on top, staffed bar - max 87 people.

Hog Roast / Indian food van / with varying price tags from £13 to £20 per head.

It was decided to go with Olicana cricket club and get it booked in the diary and think about the food/catering in the next few months.

Incidents

AO reported that one of his junior runners was bitten by a dog on the club run this evening.

JT has had a couple of fallers in recent weeks.

They should be recorded as incidents.

Any other business

A reminder about running for a second claim club when first claim with Ilkley Harriers might be useful going forward. One to monitor.

Leeds Country Way relays - one runner mistakenly ran as a vet - Nick Helliwell has informed the organisers.

We will propose that Caroline Tong takes over as Welfare Officer at the club from the AGM onwards.

Nick Helliwell has volunteered to take on the road captain's role if needed.

10K update from NC

Rugby Club booked, Ilkley Riding club and Weston Church are on board as are Nell Bank.

VG flagged up Denton Hall as a potential issue.

Still plenty to do but NC will update us at the next meeting.

Next meeting 7th November 2023